



Inclusion Ireland

The National Association for People
with an Intellectual Disability.

Budget 2027 Highlights



How Much is Being Spent?



In Budget 2027, the government is spending about €4.2 billion on specialist disability services.



**Children's
Disability
Network
Team**

These services include:

- **Residential Care** – a place to live with support.
- **Respite Care** – short breaks for families and carers.
- **Adult Day Services** – daily support and activities for people over 18 years old.
- **Home Support and Personal Assistance** – help at home and in your community.
- **Children's Disability Network Teams** – therapy and support for children. They are also called **CDNTs** for short.

What Will Budget 2027 Pay for?



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Budget 2027 is part of a whole-of-government plan to support disabled people.

This means that all parts of the government will work together to support disabled people.



A Place to Live

The Budget will pay for 489 places to live with support in 2027.

Some are new places to live. Some give more support to people in the home they live in now.





100 are new places that are planned. This means the move is planned before it happens



112 are for people who need a place to live quickly. This is called an emergency place.



277 are for other people, like:

- People who need more support where they live now
- People under 65 who are moving out of a nursing home
- People moving out of a large residential service into a home in the community.
- Young people moving from children's services to adult services.



The government has not said how many places are for each group yet.



Disability Services

- 1,503 new day service places. Most of these are for young people leaving school in 2027.
- 191,000 more hours of home support and personal assistance.
- About 14,700 more respite breaks.
- 150 more staff for CDNTs.
- 930 more staff to support disabled people.

Education

- Hire 2,339 new Special Needs Assistants.
- Hire 1,353 new teachers for children with additional needs.
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Social Welfare

- Give people on long-term disability payments a €500 payment in 2027. This is called the **Cost of Disability Payment**.
- Increase Disability Allowance and Carer's Allowance by €10 per week from January 2027.
- Let people on Disability Allowance earn up to €175 a week from work without losing money. This starts in July 2027.
- Let carers earn more and still get Carer's Allowance. This starts in July 2027.

The Government says it will make a cost of disability payment every year from 2028. It says it will ask disabled people how this payment should work.



Health

- Hire more staff for mental health teams for children with an intellectual disability.
- Make new services for children with Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (or ADHD for short).
- Give more people access to talk therapy.

When Will Things Happen?



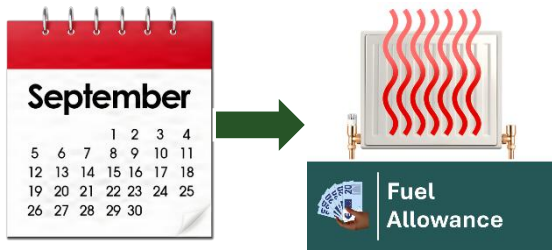
December 2026: The Christmas Double Payment means you will receive twice your normal Disability Allowance payment for one week. It is due to be paid in the week beginning the 7th December 2026.



January 2027: A €10 increase to social welfare payments, including Disability Allowance, pensions and Carer's Allowance. The €500 Cost of Disability Payment is to be made between January and March.



July 2027: people working or caring can earn more and keep their payment.



September 2027: Fuel Allowance goes up to €43 a week, and support for children under 3 starts.

2028: the Government says a permanent cost of disability payment will start.

Why is This Important?



The Government says this spending is part of the **National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025–2030**.

The Strategy sets out the goals and actions the Government will take to improve disabled people’s lives over the next five years.

The Strategy was co-created with disabled people and is based on the idea of “equal voices, equal actions, and equal futures.”



How to Get in Touch



You may have some questions. If you would like to:

- Learn more about this guide
- Share your story
- Get support to speak up
- Ask questions about Budget 2027



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